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For: Preferred Embodiment to LED Light String

**RESPONSE TO THIRD OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the third Office Action (Paper No. 13), mailed August 29, 2000, in respect to the above-identified patent application. This response is being filed within 3-months after the 3-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Office Action. A Claim of Extension of Time for Response is being file concurrently herewith.

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